(c) the details of remedial measures taken by Government in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. UPENDRA): (a) to (c) The requisite information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Transfers of Station Directors and News Directors of Doordarshan

1858. SHRI ANAND SHARMA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of Station Directors and News Directors of Doordarshan transferred during December, 1989 to 5th March, 1990;

(b) the duration of the stay of these officials prior to their recent transfers; and

(c) whether there is any policy followed for transfers in the AIR and Doordarshan ?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. UPENDRA): (a) and (b) Five Directors of Doordarshan Kendras and one Director of News were transferred during December, 1989 to 5th March, 1990. Stay of concerned officers is given below.

1. Shri K. M. A. Haq, Doordarshan Kendra, Bangalore—from April 1989 to March, 1990.

2. Shri R. S. Rawat, Doordarshan Kendra, Delhi—from November, 1988 to March, 1990.

3. Shri D. Balakrishna, Doordarshan Kendra, Hyderabad—from April 1989 to March 1990.

4. Shri R. Mahadevan, Doordarshan Kendra, Madras—from April, 1989 to March, 1990.

5. Shri G. K. Saxena, Central Production Centre, Delhi—from May, 1988 to February, 1990.

6. Shri Harish Avasthi, Director News—from 19th May, 1988 to 28-2-1990.

(c) Transfers are made in accordance with the provisions as laid down in the Transfer Policy keeping in view *inter-alia* the exigencies of service and public interest.

Construction of Vypin—Ernakulam Bridge

1859. SHRI E. BALANANDAN: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to take up the construction of Vypin—Ernakulam bridge during the Eighth Plan; and

(b) if so, what is the estimated expenditure for the scheme ?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI K. P. UNNIKRISHNAN): (a) and (b) The State Government have sought central assistance for the project whose cost has been estimated by them at Rs. 24.40 crores. It is felt that the cost estimates are not realistic. Government are convinced that the construction of the bridge is vital for the development of the area. The possibility of financing this under the existing schemes of central assistance to States or under alternative means of financing are under consideration